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Rice House

Port Republic Vicinity

Private

1880's, 1890's

According to local oral tradition, this modest house was built as the residence of John Rice, the Negro blacksmith. It is two stories in height, and two in length, and one in depth. Across the road stands the abandoned and vandalized blacksmith shop.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Rice House

AND/OR COMMON

John Rice Forge and House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Gray's Rd., c. 2 miles east of its jct.

with Sixes Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Port Republic

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

—BUILDING(S)

☒ STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER Abandoned

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Arthur E. Rice

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1205 33rd Place S.E.

CITY, TOWN

Washington,

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

D.C. 20019

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: JLB 82

Map 33

Folio #: 514

P. 75

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Fredrick

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CT-183

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Edward Gantt, a local informant who lives on Sixes Rd., this house was the residence of John Rice, the Negro blacksmith in this area of Calvert County. According to Gantt, Rice built this house in late 1800's, a date confirmed by the construction materials. The dwelling is two stories in height, two in length, and one in depth. It has two rooms downstairs, and two upstairs. The facade is sheltered by a shed porch supported by turned posts. A kitchen was once attached to the rear of the house and has been destroyed.

Across the road (west) stands the abandoned blacksmith shop of John Rice. It has been thoroughly robbed of all blacksmithing materials.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES 1880's, 1890's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Rice

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house represents the type occupied and built by a Negro blacksmith and landowner of modest means. Some of the artifacts made by John Rice in his blacksmith's shop are still in the possession of a neighbor, James Edward Gantt (CLVT-200).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. A Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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S. View (facade)

Port Republic, Md.

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John Rice House

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N. View (rear)

Port Republic, Md.

Cum

11/17/77



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RICE HOUSE

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S. W. View

PORT REPUBLIC, MD.

G W M

6/77